

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Before action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the specification and claims. This paper is presented by the undersigned registered representative in accordance with Rule 34 (37 C.F.R. § 1.34).

A Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form from Assignee has been filed.

Specification

The title of the invention has been amended to better indicate the invention to which the claims are directed. A grammatical correction is made to page 7 of the specification.

Claims

Claims 3-42 of the originally-filed claims are hereby canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Original claims 1 and 2 are retained. New claims 43-124 are added with this Preliminary Amendment. Support for the new claims is found in the originally-filed specification and claims. No new matter has been added.

Foreign Priority

Because of an error in connection with the foreign priority claim recited on the original declaration, Applicants wish to withdraw the priority claim recited on the original declaration. In accordance with Office procedure, as specified in MPEP 201.11(III)(G) at page 200-67, Applicants may cancel their priority claim by submitting an Application Data Sheet (ADS) with the proper information. That is, a new declaration is not required. Applicants submit herewith a new ADS to remove the foreign priority data that was originally set forth in the declaration. Correction of Office records to delete the foreign priority claim is requested. Issuance of an Updated Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

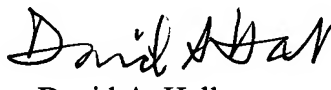
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,



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